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TO: The Acting Secretary

THROUGH: P - Mr. Tarnoff

FROM: AF - George E. Moose *ESA*

SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Rwandan Ambassador Aloys Uwimana  
Tuesday May 17, 2:15 p.m. in Your Office

I. OBJECTIVES

We want Ambassador Uwimana to convince the Rwandan Interim Government to agree to the orderly, supervised evacuation by UNAMIR forces, with international press in attendance, of all those detainees held in places of refuge in areas under Government of Rwanda (GOR) control.

II. APPROACH

The people at greatest risk of slaughter in Rwanda right now are those who have sought refuge in hospitals, stadiums, churches and other places of refuge in Kigali, Cyangugu and other cities in southern and western Rwanda under GOR control. The GOR claims that it is not detaining or killing anyone. We want to call the GOR's bluff by demanding an immediate evacuation by UNAMIR forces of all persons trapped in places of refuge.

If the GOR agrees to the evacuation, we will seek to assure that the RPF agrees to a truce to permit the evacuations to take place. USUN will consult with Secretary General Boutros Ghali so that he will instruct UNAMIR Force Commander General Dallaire to arrange the logistics of the evacuations. We will also inform reliable international media to be on hand in order to witness the evacuation.

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If the GOR does not agree to this plan, it will become clear to the world that the GOR does not respect internationally recognized human rights standards. The upcoming UN Human Rights Commission Special Session on Rwanda will strongly condemn the GOR if it fails to immediately evacuate those trapped behind GOR lines.

III. PARTICIPANTS

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RWANDA

Amb. Uwimana  
notetaker

Attachments:

Tab 1: Talking Points  
Tab 2: List of Known Places Where People are Trapped  
Tab 3: Biography of Ambassador Uwimana

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TALKING POINTS

- o The conditions under which approximately 30,000 people are trapped in places like the Cyangugu and Amohoro stadiums, the King Faisal Hospital, the Milles Collines and Meridien Hotels and various churches in Kigali are appalling and inhuman.
- o These people have every reason to believe that if they leave these places of refuge they will be slaughtered, as thousands of other innocent Rwandans have been slaughtered in the past five weeks.
- o Immediate steps must be taken to release these people and see that they are transported to safe areas. We call upon the Government of Rwanda to agree to release of all persons trapped in places of refuge within a 72 hour timeframe.
- o If your government agrees to this plan, our Ambassador to the United Nations, Ambassador Albright, will work with Secretary General Boutros Ghali to determine the best method for UNAMIR forces to carry out the evacuation of the detainees and transport them to safe locations of their choice.
- o If your government agrees to this plan, the United States will inform the RPF commander to obtain his assurance that the RPF will maintain a truce while the evacuations are being carried out. We will also make sure that representatives of the media are present.
- o If you do not agree to this plan, the Government of Rwanda will be strongly condemned at the upcoming Emergency Session of the UN Human Rights Commission on Rwanda.

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ESTIMATION OF PERSONS TRAPPED IN PLACES OF REFUGE IN RWANDA

IN KIGALI

MILLES COLLINES HOTEL	300
MERIDIAN HOTEL	?
KING FAISAL HOSPITAL	?
KIGALI HOSPITAL	200-2000
AMAHORO STADIUM	5000
NYAMIRAMBO STADIUM	500
ST PAUL PASTORAL CENTER	300-400
ST FAMILLE CHURCH	900

OUTSIDE KIGALI

CYANGUGU STADIUM	?
DIOCESE OF KABGAYI	20-35,000
GIKONGORO	?
BUTARE	?

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